

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-210-E - ORDER NO. 2005-550
OCTOBER 5, 2005

IN RE: Application of Duke Energy Corporation for) ORDER GRANTING
Authorization to Enter into a Business) POSTPONEMENT AND
Combination Transaction with Cinergy) SETTING NEW DATE
Corporation.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint Motion of Duke Power (Duke) and the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Central Electric Power Cooperative and Saluda River Electric Cooperative (collectively, the Cooperatives) for a continuance of the oral arguments with regard to the Cooperatives' Petition to Intervene in this Docket, which were scheduled on September 28, 2005, at 1:30 PM. Both Duke and the Cooperatives state that they are engaged in discussions that could make the need for oral arguments moot. Accordingly, both groups move for postponement of the oral arguments for one week.

We have considered this matter, and certainly agree that the parties should have the opportunity to resolve the issues. For this reason, we grant the Motion for continuance *nunc pro tunc*, and hold that, barring resolution of the issues involved and if needed, the oral arguments shall be held before the Commission at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 6, 2005.

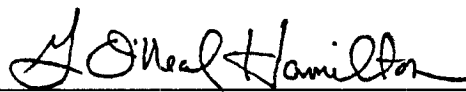
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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